BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE LAKE VICTORIA BASIN COMMISSION

PRESENTATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

GLOWING: DEVELOPING A GLOBAL INDEX OF WELLBEING

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BRIEF OUTLINE

- Lake and the Basin
- Challenges and opportunities
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<th>Country</th>
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<th>Lake Surface Area Sq Km</th>
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<th>Catchment Area Sq Km</th>
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<th>Lake Shoreline %</th>
<th>Population (million)</th>
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GDP – > 40B
OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LVB

- Biodiversity
- Water
- Fisheries
- Soils/minerals
- Moderated climate
- Population

THE BASIN’S CHALLENGES
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DECLINING WATER LEVELS

![Graph showing the historical water levels of the lake with indications of the historic high and low, as well as the gauge and satellite data points.](chart.png)
LVBC: LEGAL AND INSTITUTION FRAMEWORK

- The Treaty for the establishment of the EAC of 1999, Chapter 19, Article 114, 2(b), iv provided for the LVBC set up
- Specifically Article 33 & 34 of the Protocol provides for the establishment of Lake Victoria Basin Commission as an institution of the East African Community
- Mandate is derived from Article 33 (3)

THE VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION

**Vision**

"A prosperous pop living in a healthy & sustainably managed environment providing equitable opportunities and benefits. + Strategy Framework (5 policy Areas)"

to promote, facilitate and coordinate activities of different actors in the LVB towards sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

**Mission**

To promote:
1) Economic growth
2) Measure to address poverty
3) Sustainable use of NR
4) Protection of the Environment
5) Compliance to safety of navigation

**Objectives**
LVBC’s SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. Promote sustainable management and equitable utilization of water resources;
2. Promote sustainable development of fisheries resources;
3. Promote sustainable agricultural and land use practices including irrigation;
4. Promote sustainable development of forestry resources;
5. Promote development and management of wetlands;
6. Promote trade, commerce and industrial development;
7. Promote infrastructure and energy development;
8. Maintain navigational safety and maritime security;
9. Improve public health;
10. Promote research, capacity building and information exchange;
11. Promote environmental protection and management;
12. Promote wildlife conservation and sustainable tourism development;
13. Promote public participation in planning and decision-making; and
14. Integrate gender concerns in all activities in the Basin;
**THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

LVBC

- Civil Society/Private Sector
- Sectoral Council of Ministers
- EAC Council of Ministers
- EAC Summit
- National Focal Point Office/MEACA
- LVBC Sec
- Donor Dialogue Platform
- Coordination Committee
- Sectoral Committees

**LVBC’S PROJECTS & PROGRAMS**

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<td>LVEMPII (WB, SIDA, GEF)</td>
<td>Environmental sustainability, Livelihood improvement and Policy harmonization</td>
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<td>LVWATSAN II (AFDB)</td>
<td>MDG target on WATSAN and Environmental Hygiene</td>
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<td>Integrated PHE Program (USAID)</td>
<td>Promoting reproductive health &amp; environmental conservation</td>
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<td>PREPARED (USAID)</td>
<td>Strengthening Resilience to Climate change</td>
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<td>MERECP (NORAD)</td>
<td>Linking biodiversity and Environmental conservation to livelihood – landscape approach</td>
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**FUTURE OUTLOOK**

Key Result Areas 4th EAC Development Strategy:
1. Strengthening institutional capacity of LVBC
2. Promotion of public awareness/information sharing
3. Establishing partnerships with stakeholders
4. Harmonization of policies, laws and standards
5. Promoting improved health services (HIV/AIDS, Sanitation and nutrition status)
6. Improving maritime transport security and safety
7. Promotion of environment/NRM strategies
8. Promotion of IWRM
9. Sustainable development & use of fisheries resources
10. Promotion of investment/household incomes

**LINKING EAC DEV STRATEGY & LVBC STRATEGIC PLAN**

10 KEY RESULT AREAS IN 4TH EAC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY = 7 DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES IN 2ND LVBC STRATEGIC PLAN

- D1: Coordination and management capacity
- D2: Partnerships and collaboration with key partners
- D3: Harmonize policies, laws and regulations
- D4: Improve health, services and sanitation
- D5: Improve safety and security of navigation
- D6: Enhance management of ecosystem, NR & CC
- D7: Promote investment and livelihoods
CONCLUSION

- The Commission has the vintage position of influencing policy in the Lake Victoria Basin Countries
  
a) Opportunities for collaboration through research